



Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 16, 2003**. Harvesting is essentially complete throughout the State. Overall, this season proved to be favorable with both good yields and quality crops being reported. Many in the State are awaiting rain to help with winter wheat and ryegrass forages. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 42 percent short, 47 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2002	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	99	97	77	95	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	100	99	84	96	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	97	90	56	83	0	4	22	50	24
	Emerged	88	78	37	62					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	100	99	97	98	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	9	25	52	12
Pasture						6	12	33	42	7

County Agent Comments

"Harvest is complete and most producers would like to see it rain. Yields on all crops were very good and no one could have ordered better harvest weather. Also, prices have perked up producers."

— Mack Young, Quitman

"Some wheat will require rain to germinate the seed. Pastures have stopped growing and cattle are either being fed or foraging on grass that has been stockpiled. Prices are better and many producers are taking advantage of them."

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

"We are winding it down. Soybeans are in, cotton is in except for a little scrapping, and about all the wheat is planted. The farmers are happy with the crop and with prices. It looks like it has been a good year!"

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"Much field work has been done due to early harvest and very good fall weather. There has been some rework of rows put up in August because of volunteer crops emerging and growing vigorously. Most producers are happy with the outcome of this year's crop."

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

"Row crop harvest is complete. Yields of soybeans were around 30 bushels per acre and corn yields around 110 bushels per acre. Hay harvest is complete, with quality being the big question for this feeding season. Cattle are going into the feeding season in good condition. Winter grazing is growing well."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

"Dry weather and soil conditions continue to haunt beef and dairy producers. Cooler weather this week has further reduced availability of the last scraps of summer pasture grass. Ryegrass growth continues to be lacking due to extreme lack of moisture. Some replanting of ryegrass will be necessary. Heavy hay feeding is necessary to compensate for lack of grazing. We need rain to greatly improve the plight of our beef and dairy producers."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

“Winter grazing and wheat crops are in desperate need of moisture. Producers are again waiting for predicted rainfall to see if crops can recover from the dry, cold weather that occurred on 11/14/2003.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

This will be the last Weekly Crop Report for 2003

Additional comments appear on the Internet at: <http://www.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>

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Weather Summary from November 10, 2003 to November 16, 2003 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston				52		1.50	+0.12	1	1.80				
Cleveland	80	40	59	54	+5	1.64	+0.23	2	2.39				
Tunica				53		1.70	+0.42	1	2.50				0.01
Extreme/Average	80	40	59	54	+5	1.57	+0.34	2	2.10				
2. North-Central													
Batesville	78	35	58	52	+6	0.42	-0.89	1	0.68				
Calhoun City	79	32	56	52	+4	0.49	-0.62	2	3.23				
Independence	76	30	55	52	+3	1.50	+0.36	1	2.41				
Oxford				52		0.95	-0.31	2	1.42				
Extreme/Average	79	30	56	53	+3	0.84	-0.43	2	1.94				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	74	39	57	51	+6	1.09	-0.20	2	2.67				
Corinth City	76	30	56	54	+2	0.73	-0.61	1	3.01				
Iuka	75	26	53	50	+3	0.86	-0.46	2	2.18				
Ripley	76	30	54	50	+4	1.06	-0.27	2	2.94				
Tupelo	79	37	58			0.85		2	3.41				
Verona				53		0.79	-0.30	2	3.73				
Extreme/Average	79	26	55	53	+2	0.92	-0.28	2	2.84				
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				55		0.00	-1.22	0	0.80				
Rolling Fork	85	42	63	55	+8	0.31	-0.81	2	1.31	76	59	67	
Stoneville	82	41	59	54	+5	0.15	-1.08	1	2.43	76	56	64	
Yazoo City	81	40	61	56	+5	0.00	-1.19	0	0.94				
Extreme/Average	85	40	61	56	+5	0.12	-1.08	1	1.37	76	56	66	
5. Central													
Canton	82	34	58	56	+2	0.21	-1.04	1	0.65				
Carthage	80	33	58	55	+3	0.00	-1.24	0	1.21				
Lexington	80	33	58	54	+4	0.19	-1.09	1	0.95				
Eupora	80	30	55	53	+2	1.41	+0.19	2	2.71				
Extreme/Average	82	30	57	55	+2	0.45	-0.65	1	1.38				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	79	33	57	53	+4	0.01	-1.09	1	1.56				
Houston	79	30	55	52	+3	0.41	-0.82	2	1.71				
Louisville	80	36	57	54	+3	0.00	-1.15	0	0.91				
State University	81	32	57	54	+3	0.33	-0.76	2	1.65	66	56	61	0.09
Extreme/Average	81	30	56	55	+1	0.19	-0.88	1	1.46	66	56	61	0.09
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	38	64	58	+6	0.00	-1.06	0	0.67	81	60	72	
Natchez	81	39	64	58	+6	0.65	-0.65	1	1.75				
Oakley	85	35	64	55	+9	1.13	-0.08	1	1.63	79	63	69	
Vicksburg	80	39	61			0.67		1	1.41				
Extreme/Average	85	35	63	58	+5	0.61	-0.47	1	1.37	81	60	70	
8. South-Central													
Collins				57		0.00	-1.14	0	1.33				
Columbia	84	39	62	58	+4	0.00	-1.15	0	1.08				
Tylertown	83	38	64	59	+5	0.00	-1.12	0	2.01				
Extreme/Average	84	38	63	58	+5	0.00	-1.02	0	1.47				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	84	36	62			0.00		0	2.41				
Hattiesburg	83	37	62	58	+4	0.00	-1.26	0	0.64				
Laurel	82	35	60	56	+4	0.00	-1.15	0	1.22				
Newton	81	30	57	55	+2	0.01	-1.22	1	1.39	71	53	62	0.12
Extreme/Average	84	30	60	57	+3	0.00	-1.02	0	1.42	71	53	62	0.12
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	42	66	60	+6	0.00	-1.25	0	0.05				
Gulfport	80	42	65	61	+4	0.00	-1.16	0	0.13				
Pascagoula	80	39	61	60	+1	0.00	-1.25	0	1.19				
Poplarville				59					2.95				
Waveland	82	44	64	60	+4	0.00	-1.27	0	0.15				
Extreme/Average	85	39	64	61	+3	0.00	-0.98	0	0.38				
State	85	26	60	56	+4	0.43	-0.67	1	1.54	81	53	65	0.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.